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1. ABOUT 2,000 AFRICAN WORKERS OF DURBAN-BASED CORONATION BRICK REFUSED TO COMMENCE WORK TODAY FOLLOWING NIGHT OF VIOLENCE IN WHICH 25 WORKERS WERE INJURED.
2. REPORTEDLY SEVERAL HUNDRED WORKERS OF THE BRIARDENE COM-
POUND LAST NIGHT BEGAN MARCH ALONG NORTH COAST ROAD.
ARMED WITH STICKS AND IRON BARS THEY ATTACKED OTHER AFRICAN
WORKERS AT SECOND NEARBY CORONATION COMPOUND, HAVING OVER-
TURNED AND STONED A CAR AND BEATEN UP ITS OCCUPANTS.
3. MANAGING DIRECTOR OF CORONATION BRICK, MR. A.R. KEMP,
WHEN INFORMED OF STANDSTILL OF HUGE RED HILL BRICK FACTORY,
OPINED THAT STRIKE HAD COME ABOUT AS A RESULT OF GRIEVANCE
AGAINST AFRICAN "INDUNA" (SHOP FOREMAN) AT BRIARDENE COM-
POUND. POLICE WITH DOGS MANAGED TO RETURN MOST WORKERS TO
RESPECTIVE COMPOUNDS IN THE HOPE SITUATION CAN BE NORMALIZED
THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS WITH LIAISON COMMITTEES.

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